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RE:

BACA FLOAT WATER COMPANY - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF

COMPLIANCE DEADLINE (DOCKET NO. WS-01678A-07-0116)

In Decision No. 69949, dated October 30, 2007, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") approved the application of Baca Float Water Company ("Baca Float" or "Company") for an extension of its existing certificate of convenience and necessity for water service.

As part of Decision No. 69949, the Commission ordered the following:

"... Baca Float Water Company shall file a rate case with the Commission by May 31, 2009, using a 2008 Test Year."

On April 15, 2009, Baca Float docketed a request for extension of time - until July 31, 2009, to file the permanent rate application outlined above. The application stated that the Company seeks the extension because a primary individual, the Company's Certified Public Accountant ("CPA"), has been involved in tax preparations surrounding the April 15 tax season and has not been able to devote the necessary time to prepare the rate application. The application further identifies the CPA as a "critical component in preparing the application for rates" and requests an extension of time until July 31, 2009, to ensure the preparation of an accurate and complete filing.

On May 20, 2009, Staff had the last of several discussions with Mr. Jeff Crockett, attorney for Baca Float, regarding the filing. Mr. Crockett confirmed that the sole reason for the request for the extension of time was the lack of availability of the CPA to prepare the application. In terms of the requested time frame, he stated that the two month extension was appropriately short as to not prejudice any party and confirmed that the Company would adhere to the 2008 Test Year requirement outlined in Decision No. 69949.

Based on the application and all of the above, Staff does not object to Baca Float's request for a two month extension of time to prepare and file the required rate application. recommends that the Commission due date for filing the rate application be extended from May 31. 2009 to July 31, 2009, with a 2008 test year.

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